



SPECIAL VEHICLE MOVEMENT PERMIT PROVISIONS

PROVISIONS A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

READ YOUR PERMIT BEFORE STARTING MOVE. If you find the permit does not cover the move, is incorrect or in error, contact the Department prior to starting the move. Undertaking the move is prima facie evidence of acceptance of the permit.

THIS FORM PART OF PERMIT: When specified, the conditions and restrictions listed in this form govern the movement of vehicles or objects authorized by written permit issued by the Department under Section 15-301, of The Illinois Vehicle Code. The conditions and restrictions specified are a part of the permit as though written in detail in the transmittal.

CONDITIONS THAT APPLY: The conditions and restriction that apply will be specified by code letter and number and identified as OPER 993 Provisions; Form **OPER 993 must be carried in the vehicle to which the permit applies.** Copies of Form OPER 993 are available from the Department.

PRECEDENCE: In case of conflict, the precedence shall be (1) condition stated in detail in the short form permit, (2) those stated under Provision "C", (3) those stated under Provisions "B", and (4) those stated under Provision "A".

PERMIT TO ACCOMPANY MOVEMENT: The driver of the vehicle shall have the permit in his possession during the progress of the movement and shall show said permit, on demand, to any police officer or authorized employee of the Department. The permit covers only the person or firm designated as grantee and is not transferable.

ABBREVIATED TERMS: The following abbreviations are authorized for use in these permits. **Be sure you know the meaning of the abbreviations found in your permit before beginning your move.**

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| BP | -Bypass Route | IL | -Illinois |
| BR | -Business Route | MO | -Missouri |
| Dept. | -Illinois Department of Transportation | IA | -Iowa |
| INT | -Interstate Route | IN | -Indiana |
| Prov. | -Provisions | KY | -Kentucky |
| TST | -Tractor Semitrailer Combination | WI | -Wisconsin |

AGREEMENT: The acceptance of the permit by the grantee constitutes an agreement that the movement will be made strictly in compliance with the terms set forth in the permit and the applicable provision of the Department Policy contained in the current issue of the publications "OVERSIZE AND OVERWEIGHT PERMIT MOVEMENTS ON STATE HIGHWAYS".

JURISDICTION: The permit is effective only insofar as the Department has jurisdiction and does not release the grantee from complying with other existing laws that may apply to the movement.

OVERWEIGHT MOVEMENTS: An overweight permit authorizes the movement of a vehicle or a reasonably disassembled single object loaded on a vehicle combination. If stated in the permit, the object may include an attachment; however, it must be securely mounted on the object being moved. The attachment may not be hauled as a separate object on the vehicle combination.

LOCATIONS WHERE PERMIT IS NOT VALID. The permit is not valid on any highway or bridge posted for a load limit less than the gross weight of the move, on any highway closed to traffic, and on any highway not maintained by the Department of Transportation. The right to use highways other than those specified is neither implied nor granted. The permittee must obtain permission from the proper local authority to use local streets or highways or from the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority if over the Tollway.

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GENERAL PROVISIONS A (continued)

RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENTS: All movements made under authority of permits not specifying routes shall exercise due caution to prevent unauthorized use of any structure, highway, temporary route detour, runaround or turnaround. Posted maximum width, height, speed, gross weight or other restrictions shall be observed.

AUTHORIZED TIMES OF MOVEMENT: Over dimension moves are authorized from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset Monday through Friday, and from ½ hour before sunrise until noon Saturday (unless specified otherwise on permit). Over dimension moves equal to or less than 12' wide, 13'6" high, 115' long that do not exceed practical maximum weights (see Section 554.604) are additionally authorized from noon on Saturday until ½ hour after sunset and from ½ hour before sunrise until noon on Sunday. Movements are further restricted on specific holidays and holiday weekends (see <http://www.dot.il.gov/tpublic.html#truckers> for details.) Overweight permit loads with legal dimensions are allowed 24 hour a day, 7 day a week movement.

HIGHWAY CONDITIONS: Move shall not be made when highway is covered with snow or ice.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: When visibility is unduly impaired by rain, snow, fog, smog, or at any time travel conditions are considered to be unsafe by the Department of State Police, the police may direct or escort a vehicle off the roadway to a place of safety.

RIGHT-OF-WAY DURING MOVEMENT: Insofar as practicable, movements shall be confined to a single lane and shall be made in such a manner that the rest of the roadway will be open at all times so the flow of other traffic will not unnecessarily be obstructed. Also, insofar as practicable, other traffic will be given the right-of-way over this movement. The driver shall remove the vehicle from the roadway when necessary to allow an accumulation of traffic to pass or when so directed by a police officer.

SPEED: Maximum speed shall be 45 m.p.h. on all permit movements or 5 m.p.h. above the minimum posted speed limit, **EXCEPT** when otherwise specified in the permit. Legal weight, legal height movements up to and including 10 feet wide are allowed to travel at the legal maximum speed limit.

LEGAL HEIGHT MOVEMENTS: Permit authority is not required for the movement of vehicle(s), inclusive of load, not exceeding the legal height limitation of 13 feet 6 inches as established in Chapter 15, The Illinois Vehicle Code. Therefore, no action is taken by the Department, either separately or in conjunction with authorizing an otherwise oversize or overweight movement, to ensure adequate clearance of structures for a vehicle(s), inclusive of load, not exceeding 13 feet 6 inches overall height.

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIABILITY: The grantee assumes all responsibility for injury to persons or damage to public or private property, including his own, caused directly or indirectly by the transportation of vehicles or vehicles and objects authorized under this permit. The grantee agrees to hold the State of Illinois harmless from all suits, claims, damages or proceedings of any kind and to indemnify the State of Illinois for any claim it may be required to pay arising from the movement.

LIABILITY INSURANCE: Owners and/or operators of escort vehicles or vehicles with oversize loads exceeding 10 feet in width, 13 feet 6 inches in height, 110 feet in length or overweight must have in effect or be self-insured in the amount of \$500,000 per occurrence combined bodily injury and property damage.

VIOLATION OF PERMIT

A CLARIFICATION OF 625 ILCS 5/15-301(h)

When operating under authority of an oversize/overweight permit issued by the Illinois Department of Transportation, the following list of offenses shall be considered a **violation of permit** and will not render the entire permit null and void: 1) Incorrect license number or state. 2) Incorrect make, model, description or serial number. 3) Incorrect number of axles. 4) Gross, tandem or single axle weights that are in excess of those permitted. In this instance, the violator may be fined for the excess weight in addition to the violation of permit. 5) Incorrect width, length, and/or height of the permit load. 6) Failure to comply with general conditions, specific provisions, and notes listed on the permit. (Exception: Failure to comply with the general and specific provisions and notes pertaining to minimum axle spacing, as described on the permit application and accompanying permit will be deemed fraudulent in accordance with Section 554.212(d).)

This list is not comprehensive, but reflects the most prevalent instances of Violation of Permit. Under violation of permit, the permittee must either bring the permit load into conformation with the conditions of the permit or purchase a new permit before continuing.

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GENERAL PROVISION B. OVERDIMENSION

FLASHING OR ROTATING AMBER LIGHT: All loads must display an operable oscillating, rotating or flashing amber light(s) when moving under oversize/overweight permit authority. If the load blocks visibility of the amber light(s) from the rear, a light must be displayed at the rear of the vehicle.

OVERSIZE LOAD SIGNS: OVERSIZE LOAD signs are mandatory on the front and rear of vehicles for loads over 10 feet wide, 14 feet-6 inches high, or 75 feet long.

RED FLAGS: The extremities of all oversize vehicles, vehicle combinations or loads, and all protruding objects shall be marked with clean red flags not less than 18 inches square.

ESCORT VEHICLES: One escort vehicle will be required on all loads more than 14 feet 6 inches wide. A pole for measuring vertical clearances shall be mounted on the lead escort vehicle for moves in excess of 14 feet 6 inches in height. An escort vehicle may be a passenger car, or a second division vehicle not exceeding a gross vehicle weight of 8000 pounds that is designed to afford clear and unobstructed vision both front and rear. Escort vehicles shall display red flags at the extremities, display "OVERSIZE LOAD" signs, be equipped with an operating rotating or flashing amber light mounted on top, and be operated by properly licensed operators at least 18 years of age. The driver of the escort vehicle must be in radio contact with the driver of the permit vehicle.

OVERLENGTH OBJECTS: Movements of objects over 80 feet in length shall be equipped with two operating flashing amber lights – one over the cab of the vehicle; the other within 10 feet of the rear of the object, mounted as high as practicable over it.

RESTRICTIONS IN COOK COUNTY:

- Movements exceeding 10 feet in width, 13 feet 6 inches in height, and 88,000 pounds gross weight are prohibited on the expressways in Cook County, except Interstate Route 80 west of Kedzie Avenue, Interstate Route 57 from U.S. Route 6 (159th Street) south, Interstate Route 290 north of St. Charles Road and Illinois Route 53.
- Within the area bounded by 95th Street, Illinois Route 50 (Cicero Avenue), Illinois Route 38 (Roosevelt Road), Central Avenue, Touhy Avenue and Lake Michigan that is in the City of Chicago, and on expressways in Cook County north of Interstate Route 80 and east of Illinois Route 83, permit movements not exceeding 10 feet in width are authorized between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. (until noon on Saturday). Movements exceeding 10 feet but less than 12 feet in width are authorized only between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Movements exceeding 10 feet in width and having an origin or destination within this area may travel during hours of darkness in Cook County for a distance of up to 10 miles outside the nearest boundary of this area.
- Movements over 12 feet in width within Cook County that are not subject to restrictions in paragraph (b) are authorized only between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. (until noon on Saturday).
- Contact should be made with the City of Chicago (312/744-4696) regarding permit requirements for movements on all streets and highways within the city other than the expressways.

STATE LINE BRIDGE RESTRICTIONS: All permit loads are prohibited on Interstate Routes 55, 64, 70 and U.S. 40 Mississippi River bridge, U.S. 60/U.S. 62 bridge into Missouri, U.S. 45 Ohio River bridge into Kentucky, and Illinois 14 Wabash River bridge into Indiana.

HOUSE TRAILERS: The overall width of the house trailer includes doorknobs, awnings, or any other attachments. The towing unit of house trailers over 8' but not more than 10' wide shall be at least a ¾ ton truck. The towing unit of house trailers over 10' wide but not more than 12' wide and less than 115' long shall be at least a 1 ton truck with dual wheels. The towing unit of house trailers over 12' wide shall be at least a 2 ton truck with dual wheels. Movement of house trailers over 12' wide is prohibited when wind gusts exceed 25 m.p.h.

Assigned Permitted Route: The assigned permit route includes a distance of one mile onto another contiguous state jurisdiction highway provided that no structures are crossed, no posted with limits are exceeded, overdimensional moves are not obstructed, all other provisions of the permit are followed and the route is used for any of the following reasons: 1) To obtain fuel or repair. 2) To provide for food or rest for the driver. 3) To allow for a legal return to a permitted route after mistakenly going off the route. 4) To comply with regulatory signs to weight.

Disclaimer: In issuing the permit for oversize movements, the Department has determined that posted clearances are greater at those points than the height or width of the vehicle and load stated to the Department. However, due to variations in length of vehicles, inclines, curve radii, and other road conditions and factors, the permittee cannot assume the posted height or width is adequate for the movement. It is also the responsibility of the permittee, when not in conformance with Section 5/11-1203(a) of the Vehicle Code, to inspect all railroad grade crossings for clearance along the permitted route prior to a move.

The permittee waives liability of the Department should posted height or width or railroad grade crossing clearance prove inadequate, assumes sole responsibility, and indemnifies the Department for damages.

PROVISION C. (SPECIAL PROVISIONS)

- Check heights of structures prior to move to ensure adequate clearance.
- Specifically check overhead structures located _____.
- While crossing non-interstate structures, slow to 10 m.p.h.; keep all other traffic off; and use centerline of bridge on: (a) Bridges located _____.
(b) All bridges.
- To ensure the safety of other traffic; (a) One escort shall be provided. (b) Two escort vehicles shall be provided, a height pole shall be mounted on the lead vehicle. (c) _____ escort vehicles shall be provided. (d) One escort vehicle equipped with a height pole set three inches above permitted load height shall precede the load. (e) Three escort vehicles shall be provided; one escort shall precede the load and must be equipped with a height pole set three inches higher than the permitted height.
- Booms on cranes and similar construction equipment shall be adequately secured to prevent movement while in transit.
- While crossing all interstate highway structures, hold minimum speed and maintain a 300 ft. interval.
- The permittee assumes sole responsibility for all damages to any overhead utility facility as a result of this movement.
- The maximum speed, except on highways with a minimum posted speed, in which case the speed shall not be more than 5 m.p.h. above the minimum posting, shall be _____ m.p.h.
- Movement of objects greater than 14 feet 6 inches wide and up to and including 16 feet wide are limited to the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the following counties: Cook, Dupage, Lake, Kane, Madison, McHenry, Monroe, St. Clair, and Will. In all other counties, movement is allowed from one half hour before sunrise until one half hour after sunset Monday through Friday, and from one half hour before sunrise until noon on Saturday.

Movement of objects greater than 16 feet wide and/or 17 feet high are restricted to the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday statewide.

- Shoulders: Move shall be made only when shoulders of the pavement are dry and firm. _____
- An Illinois State Police escort shall be required. Notify State Police headquarters at (217) 782-6527 at least 24 hours prior to move.
- The permittee shall notify the District _____ Highway Engineer 24 hours prior to the movement. Written permission must be secured from the District Highway Engineer to trim trees, remove signs and traffic signals, or to perform other acts in preparation for making the movement.

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